

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people suffering from the Muscular Dystrophy in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the Government Hospitals where treatment for this disease is available;
- (c) the details of the assistance provided to the patients in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to provide affordable treatment of this disease?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) No such data is maintained by this Ministry.

(b) to (d) Such diseases are diagnosed/treated at various Government Medical Colleges and apex institutions like All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, JIPMER, Puducherry, etc.

Assistance to the patients includes rehabilitation services, empirical steroid therapy and treatment, physiotherapy/occupational therapy, counselling, etc.

Treatment in the Government hospitals is either free or at subsidized cost.